

# WILL GIVE NO PENSIONS

The Senate of Virginia Declines  
to Aid Disabled School  
Teachers.

FOR JUDGES AND CLERKS

A Motion is Offered to Double  
Their Remuneration—Other  
Measures of Interest.

Both houses of the General Assembly met for nearly three hours yesterday, both disposing of a number of bills on their calendars and greatly advancing the work of approving the statutes reported from the Revision Committee. The Senate killed Mr. Harman's bill proposing to pension school teachers who have taught twenty-five years and have passed three-score in age and are poor and disabled from further service. There was never any hope of its passage. The Senate passed ten or twelve bills and the House likewise passed a number of Senate bills.

A number of important or interesting measures were introduced, most of them in the House. Perhaps the most important was that of Mr. Leake, proposing to provide special grand jury investigations after all primary or general elections. Another measure of interest was that offered by Mr. H. E. Lee, of Nottoway, proposing to double the salaries of judges and judges of election. This is designed to secure the very best class of men for service as judges.

In the Senate Mr. Keozell offered a bill proposing to establish a collection of natural history specimens in connection with the Department of Agriculture. The Senate did the unexpected when it failed to pass the House bill providing for mileage to members and employees of the General Assembly, but the bill was saved on a motion to reconsider. It will probably pass as soon as a larger number of members are present.

**The Senate.**  
There were just twenty-two Senators in their seats when Lieutenant-Governor Willard's gavel fell, calling the body to order. There being no minister present, the opening prayer had to be dispensed with.

The body proceeded to business without delay, taking up the calendar. On Mr. Walker's motion, the Senate bill, providing for the election of these nominations, made by the Governor, were confirmed.

W. C. L. Tallaferra, to be a member of the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary.  
W. B. White, of Norfolk, to be a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia.  
John B. Watkins, of Chesterfield, to be a member of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.  
O. D. Batchelor, of Newport News, to be a member of the Board of Visitors of the Central State Hospital.

The executive session was then adjourned, and the Senate reconvened in open session.  
The House bill to amend section 753 of the Code, so as to make the Broad Street Bank of Richmond a State depository, was passed.

The House bill to provide for payment of printing of the State Corporation Commission was engrossed and then passed.  
On Mr. Ople's motion the House bill providing for mileage to members and employees of the General Assembly was passed by yeas.

**Teachers' Pension Bill Killed.**  
The only contest and debate of the session ensued when the Senate bill to pension disabled teachers was reached on the calendar. Mr. Harman, of Tazewell, moved the bill moved to amend so that only those teachers who had taught twenty-five years and passed the age of sixty years; are too infirm to teach longer, and who do not own \$500 of property, nor have an annual income of \$300 be made beneficiaries of the bill.

Mr. Harman's motion was clearly summarized the provisions of the bill, and explained that very few would be entitled to a pension under the bill. The amendment was adopted without opposition.

The question then returned on the passage of the bill. Mr. Harman advocated its passage as a desirable measure to encourage teachers in many places was deteriorating, and some incentive was needed to induce competent teachers to remain in the profession and to maintain the standard of the public school education. He earnestly pleaded for the passage of the bill, which he contended would take very little money from the treasury.

Mr. Barksdale opposed the bill. He objected to it as the opening wedge for a series of pension raids on the treasury, and as a bad precedent generally. He was opposed to pensions for anything save military service. He urged the Senate to oppose engrossment of the bill.

The Senate refused to engross the bill; yeas, 17; nays, 17.

## Vote on the Measure.

Mr. Harman called for the yeas and nays, the call was sustained, and the result was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryant, Harman, Hutcheson, Revercomb and Watkins—5.  
Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Barksdale, Byars, Campbell, Chapman, Donohoe, Ford, Gold, Garrett, Keozell, Lupton, Mann, Massie, McIlwaine, Ople, Sears and Walker—17.

All the other Senate bills on their second reading were passed by yeas, owing to the absence of, or by request of their patrons. The Senate bill to amend section 2709 of the Code, in relation to when and by whom distress made, was then taken up. Mr. Walker asked and was granted permission to offer two amendments as follows:

To insert the word "elect," instead of "county," to make the provisions of the bill operative on and after February 1, 1904.

The amendments were adopted and the bill as amended was then passed.

## Leaves of Absence.

These leaves of absence were asked, and all granted:

By Mr. McIlwaine: Two days for Mr. Hobbs.

By Mr. Anderson: Indefinite leave for Mr. Lyle, of Roanoke, who is ill.

By Mr. Lupton: Four days for Mr. Bruce.

By Mr. Mann: Two days for Mr. Shands.

## Bills Passed.

The following bills, reported by the Committee on Revision, were engrossed and then passed in the Senate yesterday:

Amending the Code, section 2484, allowing preference in certain cases of liens.

Amending the Code in relation to certification of acknowledgments.

Empowering clerks of Circuit Courts to take and certify writings in clerk's offices.

Amending sections 2331, 2334 and 2335 and 2371 in relation to the jurisdiction of the probate of wills.

Amending section 2552 of the Code in relation to inheritance of property by certain persons.

Repealing the act providing for the incorporation of associations and societies for the prevention of cruelty to children.

Repealing section 2417, and amending 2625 of the Code in relation to interest of insane persons in real estate.

Relating to transfer of property of non-resident, minor or insane persons to foreign guardian or committee.

Relating to sale of real estate held in co-tenancy or dower, whether the remainder be vested or contingent.

Prohibiting advertising by lawyers of any offer to obtain divorce or the publication of any circulars, bills, book or any form of inducement to obtain divorce.

## The Mileage Bill Fails.

Consideration of bills reported from the Committee on Revision was then discontinued, and Senator Barksdale, of Halifax, moved to take up the House bill providing for mileage to members of the General Assembly, clerks, officers and pages, which had been passed by the House during the morning hour, on Mr. Ople's motion. The motion prevailed and the bill was laid before the Senate. The measure simply provides for the payment of mileage of members and employees for attendance on the General Assembly, during the session, the bill having saved the State fifty or sixty thousand dollars by adjourning in the spring and intrusting the work of revision of the statutes to a joint special committee.

The bill was taken up, Mr. Barksdale briefly explained the provisions of the measure and advocated its engrossment and passage.

Mr. McIlwaine expressed doubt as to the constitutionality of the provisions of the measure, and announced that he would vote against it on that ground.

The pending question being called, the Senate refused by a vote of 18 yeas to 21 nays, to engross the bill, a majority of 21 votes being required.

## Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Barksdale changed his vote from nays to no in order to move a reconsideration, which he did. The motion to reconsider was then passed by yeas and the matter went over until there was a larger attendance.

These bills were introduced and disposed of as stated:

By Mr. Revercomb, Alleghany: To prohibit the Treasurer of Alleghany county from imposing the five per cent. penalty on taxes collected by him in Covington magisterial district, until January 15, 1904, and providing that said treasurer shall not be required to report collections made by him of taxes in said district until the 15th day of January, 1904. Referred to the joint committee on special local and private legislation.

By Mr. Barksdale, of Rockingham: To permit the commission of agriculture to collect specimens of natural history. Referred to the Committee on Fish and Game.

The House was called to order at 11 o'clock by Speaker John F. Ryan, and there was no prayer.

The following bills were offered and referred:

By Mr. Henry E. Lee: To amend the law in relation to the compensation of clerks and judges of election so as to allow them \$2 per day for their services instead of \$1 as at present.

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By Mr. Fulton: To increase the compensation of the Commonwealth's attorney of Wise county.

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In spite of the many drawbacks that Richmond has suffered, our business has been better than we expected—the best we've ever had. During the past three or four fall seasons, in order to get good, desirable goods, we've usually bought three or four times as much as we really wanted, starting in May and June to buy, and then we would countermand unfilled orders every two or three weeks, commencing on the 1st of October.

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## MANY SMALL CASES BEFORE THE COURT

Paltry Thefts, Little Assaults  
and a Great Many  
Drunks.

A long line of small cases was all that Justice John had to contend with yesterday morning.

John Robinson was put under security for thirty days on the charge of taking three umbrellas belonging to another man.

Ben Johnson got the same on the allegation that he took a sack of flour from another person.

Reuben Harris was given sixty days flat for taking groceries belonging to Ullman, and Lucy Bennett got ten days for taking two dresses.

Then came the assault case, the drunks and disorderlies.

Rochetta Taylor was put under security for twenty days and fined \$5 for beating Hattie Norvell.

Henry Payne struck Rosa Payne. He got thirty days and was fined \$10.

R. Gathright paid \$2.50 and was put under security for ten days for getting drunk and falling against a window.

Eddie Hall was fined \$20 for being drunk and resisting the police.

Then an even dozen drunks were disposed of.

**A LEGISLATIVE FOOT-BALL TEAM IS FORMED**

A number of members of the General Assembly played truant Saturday and went down to Norfolk to the foot-ball game, with the result that there was not a quorum of either house. Among the number were several members who are themselves old players, notably Mr. Early, the center rush on the great University team of '03; Captain Bob Lee, who played on the Virginia Military Institute eleven years as a student.

There were just twelve members noted on the trail by a reporter for The Times-Dispatch. Of this twelve the following foot-ball eleven was made up:

Delegate Vazdy, left end; Senator Cromwell, left tackle; Delegate R. E. Lee, Jr. left guard; Delegate Barry, center; Senator Keozell, right guard; Senator Massey, right tackle; Senator Bryant, right end; Senator Barksdale, quarter back; Delegate Sebrill, left half back; Senator Shands, right half back; Delegate Goodwin, full back.

Substitute—Delegate Whithead, ex-Delegate Plicher and ex-Delegate Cooke, of Norfolk, who was an enthusiastic spectator at the game.

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